appointment of Chief Justice of the Commonwealth Supreme Court and the five Filipino Associate Justices were reappointed. To relieve this Court of a part of its load, an intermediate court of appeals was planned. General Douglas MacArthur was appointed military adviser to the Commonwealth and has undertaken the organization of an adequate defense force. Also created by executive order was a Council of National Defense. Former Governor-General Francis Burton Harrison returned to the service as technical adviser to the President.

In another direction the President of the Philippines will naturally be expected to make his position as head of the Government free from outside interference. The Philippine Commonwealth and Independence Law is none too explicit in the portion dealing with the office of United States High Commissioner to the Philippines. Possibilities of friction between the High Commissioner and the President will accordingly be present throughout the ten-year transition period. Regrettably this is true. Anyone knowing the character of the first President of the Philippines will understand that he will not be likely to yield prerogatives which to him seem essential for the fulfilment of self-government.

The basic problems which present themselves to the Commonwealth Government for solution are varied and complicated. Among the most important are the trade conferences between American and Filipino representatives calculated to facilitate economic adjustment.

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